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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE DRAFT FINAL EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES TO THE RECORD OF DECISION FOR THE CENTRAL FACILITIES AREA OPERABLE UNIT 4-13 (EM-ER-03-010)

Dear Mr. Pierre & Mr. Nygard:

Enclosed are copies of the draft final *Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) to the Record of Decision for the Central Facilities Area Operable Unit 4-13*. EPA's comments on the draft ESD have been incorporated into this draft final version. This ESD will be finalized with the Central Facilities Area-04 Mercury Pond Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan. This will be approximately thirty days after DOE-ID's December 24, 2002, transmittal of the work plan to EPA and IDEQ unless notification is received to the contrary per Part IX of the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order.

If you have any questions or need further information please contact me at 208-526-4049.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol A. Hathaway", is positioned above the typed name.

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